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News worth sharing.

Lack of child care a threat: Report

- Almost two-thirds of women with young children worked in 2009 versus 27% in 1976: Statistics Canada
- Current child-care policy ignores women's progress in employment and education over last 30 years: YWCA CEO

Canada's economy will suffer without a national child-care policy, a women's advocacy group warns in a new report.

The lack of accessible, affordable child care is keeping women from fully participating in the workforce, according to a report by YWCA Canada to be released today.

CEO Paulette Senior said the current system ignores the progress women have made in education and employment over the past 30 years.

The federal government "is acting as if women are still at home" instead of providing support for working mothers, Senior said yesterday.

"Unless the government moves now, this gap will actually impact Canada's ability to move forward in terms of prosperity," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gaga

▶ Lady Gaga performed at Scotiabank Place last night in front of tens of thousands of little monsters, also known as Gaga fans. For more photos, visit metronews.ca/ottawa.

MARC DESROSIERS/FOR METRO

Lady Gaga was born this way

Libya

Waking up to crackle of gunfire

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Royal scandal fit for a prince

Buckingham Palace deals with Prince Andrew's actions {page 5}

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Paper wings bring out kid in everyone

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A gym at the University of Ottawa became a miniature airfield as the Folded Dreams Paper Airplane Competition took off yesterday.

"It was very easy to get people interested and excited because everyone loves paper airplanes," said organizer Tony Gaitatzis. The Ottawa software developer, who has been a paper-airplane enthusiast since the age of six, recruited his cadre of paper pilots through Facebook, posters and word of mouth.

About a dozen kids and adults shared tips on paper-airplane design and flew their creations head to head to see who could achieve the greatest distance, accuracy and time aloft.

They were competing for remote-controlled planes, a book of paper-airplane blueprints and the grand prize, a skydiving lesson from Go Skydive.

"When I was a little kid, my mother gave me a paper airplane book.... I was really into making paper airplanes and doing all kinds things that defy gravity and logic and convention."
TONY GAITATZIS, FOLDED DREAMS

Shannon Demers was drawn in by event posters and brought along her son and daughter, Montana and Sopheya, who were soon running around the gym launching aircraft.

"I thought the kids might like something different to do," she said.

STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO

▶ Montana Bunna, 10, makes a few design tweaks to his paper airplane.

Gaga fan has video in her idol's show

Local singer Michelle Treacy, 14, wasn't about to let a bad head cold stop her from seeing her idol perform at Scotiabank Place last night. Anxious to see Lady Gaga perform live, she was equally thrilled to know a fan video she made has been incorporated into the show.

"I can't miss it. I'd be broken-hearted," she said last night.

In 2010, Treacy submitted a video of herself dancing in costume for a chance to have it shown during Gaga's concerts. She discovered her video had been selected when she attended a concert in June.

"I was in complete shock. I started screaming but I didn't know it was me at first and then my brother was like, 'My goodness, it's you,'" she said.

JOE LOFARO

MATTHEW TREACY PHOTOGRAPHY/FOR METRO

▶ Michelle Treacy

News in brief

Snow shoveller collapses

SEVERN AVE. Paramedics revived an 80-year-old Ottawa man who collapsed from a heart attack after shovelling snow at his Severn Avenue home yesterday morning. Paramedics intubated the man and gave him medicine and defibrillation to restart his heart. He was taken to hospital in critical condition. METRO

Couple die in rollover crash

ORLEANS. An Orleans couple died in a fatal car crash on Colonel By Drive early Saturday morning. Angela Williams, 25, was thrown from the car she was riding in with her boyfriend, Daniel Laroque, 45. METRO

Boy hit by car

DARTED. A 13-year-old boy was in critical condition in hospital yesterday after being struck by a car Saturday evening. METRO

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Animal houses at universities change rules across country

Toronto councillor trying to impose stricter rules on fraternities ‘Ryerson doesn’t have a party culture’

Don’t feed students drinks, may cause vomiting and destruction. If there were warning signs in dorms at Canadian universities, this is what they would say as schools tighten rules around dorm parties.

Officials at Toronto’s Ryerson University say they’re taking steps to discipline students after an “out-of-control” party in one residence building racked up a costly cleaning bill — mostly for deep cleaning vomit out of carpets and sweeping up broken glass.

Some University of Toronto students lost access to their residence common room for several weeks after revellers smashed windows and broke a bathroom door.

At Carleton University, administration seized control of frosh week last fall after things got out of hand at previous years’ festivities.

$4,000

Students at Toronto’s Ryerson University laid waste to the sixth floor of a residence building on Feb. 2, racking up a $4,000 bill.

And the University of British Columbia students’ union has cancelled a weekly cheap beer night after the RCMP were called in to investigate underage drinking.

Student housing manager Chad Nuttall says Ryerson may implement community billing or remove guest privileges for students living on the damaged floor.

Some students say with strict rules they feel policed and they do not feel at home in residence.

“Because if you were in your home you wouldn’t break lights or punch holes in the wall,” said Ryerson student Rebecca Zanussi.

Toby Whitfield, the president of the Ryerson students’ union, says Ontario students living in residence are excluded from the majority of Ontario’s Landlord and Tenant Act.

“The reality is that residence students don’t really have any rights,” Whitfield said.

The union is working with other student organizations to try to get the act amended, Whitfield said.

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Wildlife. Rescued

▶ Hope Swinimer carries Ralph the pelican from his temporary home at a wildlife rehabilitation centre in Seaforth, N.S. yesterday. INSET: Driver Garry Sowerby checks on Ralph the pelican after the bird was placed in a van for a trip to a wildlife sanctuary.

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Free as a bird in sanctuary

The bird, discovered outside a Halifax strip club named Ralph’s, was placed in a van for a three-day trip to a wildlife sanctuary in North Carolina. Ralph ended up in Halifax last fall after being swept off course by hurricane Earl.

Clashes mount toward civil war in Libya

Libyan helicopter gunships fired on a rebel force advancing west toward the capital along the Mediterranean coastline yesterday, and forces loyal to leader Moammar Gadhafi fought intense ground battles with the rival fighters.

The opposition force pushed out of the rebel-held eastern half of Libya late last week for the first time and has been cutting a path west toward Tripoli.

On the way, they secured control of two important oil ports at Brega and Ras Lanouf and by yesterday, the rebels were advancing farther west when they were hit by the helicopter fire and confrontations with ground forces.

The uprising against Gadhafi, which began just days after Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was ousted by protesters, has been sliding rapidly toward civil war, making it the bloodiest episode in the Middle East’s wave of unrest.

▶ Men try to reach food during a food and supplies distribution in a refugee camp at the Tunisia-Libyan border, in Ras Ajdir, Tunisia, yesterday.

REUTERS

The protesters-turned-rebels — backed by mutinous army units and armed with weaponry seized from storehouses — are going on the offensive to try to topple Gadhafi’s 41-year-old regime.

At the same time, pro-Gadhafi forces have conducted counteroffensives to try to retake rebel holds.

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Exodus

Some 200,000 people have fled Libya over the past two weeks as fighting escalated.

- **More than half** of the refugees crossed into Tunisia.
- **Libya had been a magnet** for foreign labourers until the uprising against Moammar Gadhafi erupted in mid-February.

Coalition errs, kills 9 boys in Afghanistan

Afghanistan’s president rejected a U.S. apology yesterday for the mistaken killing of nine Afghan boys in a NATO air attack and said civilian casualties are no longer acceptable.

According to a statement from his office, Hamid Karzai told Gen. David Petraeus, the top commander of coalition forces in Afghanistan, expressing regret was not sufficient in last week’s killing of the boys, ages 12 and under, by coalition helicopters.

NATO also apologized.

Civilian casualties have been a major source of strain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suspected pirates captured

Anti-piracy officials say U.S. commandos have captured four suspected pirates who boarded a Japanese-owned oil tanker off the coast of Oman.

A statement by the international anti-piracy task force says the 24 crew members on the MV Guanabara took refuge in a protected part of the vessel after reporting they were under attack Saturday.

A special unit from the destroyer USS Bulkeley boarded the tanker yesterday and detained the suspected pirates about 328 nautical miles southeast of Duqm in southern Oman.

The statement said no shots were fired and the merchant crew was not harmed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WikiLeaks suspect stripped naked: Lawyer

The lawyer for Bradley Manning, who is suspected of leaking classified U.S. documents to WikiLeaks, says his client was stripped of all his clothing in jail at night because he made sarcastic comments about using underwear to commit suicide.

David Coombs said his client’s clothing was taken away because Manning remarked if he wanted to harm himself he could do that with “his underwear or with his flip-flops.”

Officials cited privacy rules in not disclosing more about the order that left Manning to sleep naked.

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Tradition. Hungary

▶ Masked Busho men carry a coffin while marching through the town of Mohacs during the annual Busho Carnival in southern Hungary yesterday.

REUTERS

Frightening off the Ottomans

The Busho Carnival is an end-of-winter tradition that dates back to the 16th century and Hungary's occupation by the Ottoman empire. Men of the Sokci ethnic group (who today consider themselves Croatian) in Mohacs would dress up in sheep fur and wooden masks in a bid to frighten off their Turkish invaders.

Prince's spotty reputation has royals reeling

Andrew is criticized for his friendship with a convicted pedophile and alleged ties to Gadhafi family

As Buckingham Palace prepares to celebrate the wedding of Prince William, officials are rushing to contain a flurry of negative publicity from the side of the family that has long been a source of embarrassment.

Prince Andrew, the Queen's second son, is friends with a convicted sex offender. He has also been accused of having close ties to Moammar Gadhafi's regime in Libya. And his hosting of the son of Tunisian dictator shortly before a popular uprising drove him from power led in part to calls for the Duke of York to be stripped of his role as special U.K. trade ambassador.

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▶ Prince Andrew

British officials have rallied to the royal's defence, with the foreign secretary expressing his "confidence" in Andrew and a U.K. trade official saying he does a "very valuable job."

The latest revelations in the British media have centred on Andrew's friendship with convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein and claims that Andrew also had close ties to Saif al-Islam Gadhafi, one of the Libyan leader's sons.

Andrew has also drawn criticism for reportedly taking lavish trips.

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EXTREME WEATHER

Few hurt, mom killed in tornado

Officials worked to get people back into their homes yesterday, the day after a tornado ripped through Rayne, a southwestern Louisiana town, killing a mother who was shielding her son from the fierce winds.

Some 1,500 people were unable to return to their homes in the community about 110 kilometres west of Baton Rouge, said Rayne Police Chief Carroll Stelly.

About 150 homes were damaged or destroyed as winds topped 217 km/h, leaving at least 12 with non-life-threatening injuries. Others could not return to their homes because workers were still surveying damage.

The home where Jalisa Granger, 21, died was completely crushed by part of an oak tree. She, her toddler and her mother all had to be pulled from the wreckage.

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East Coast Rapist case goes to trial

DNA testing has led to the arrest of an unemployed truck driver in the U.S. East Coast Rapist case, in which 17 women from Virginia to Rhode Island were sexually assaulted over the past 12 years, police said.

Aaron Thomas, 39, was arrested Friday in Connecticut.

He is scheduled to appear in court today.

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A BRIDGE TO SOMEWHERE, SOMEDAY

Urban Compass

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Pedestrians are used to taking a little longer to get where they're going, but the extra time is not usually measured in decades.

The transportation committee last week approved early design work on an enclosed bridge for pedestrians and cyclists over the Queensway, linking the Via Rail station and the Transitway with Ottawa Stadium.

This project was first approved by the old City of Ottawa in 1995. Back then the new stadium was called JetForm Park, and it was home to something known as the Ottawa Lynx. By the time anyone actually walks or bikes the bridge, the troubled stadium may or may not even be there.

The lack of easy access to rapid transit has by no means been the only problem faced by stadium tenants, but it certainly hasn't helped put any butts in the seats for either the Lynx or their semi-pro successors, the Rapidz and the Fat Cats.

This year's proposed budget contains $1.1 million for the design, but the timetable for actual construction is uncertain. The provincial government's plans to widen the highway in that area and the city's ongoing light rail scheme may well push things back for years.

"Take a train to Ottawa and your first task upon arrival is to get a bus, taxi or ride someplace interesting, inviting, anything. This introduction is unlikely to give any visitor a great first impression of our burg."

In the meantime, the multi-lane tundra around the station and the stadium remains distinctly hostile territory to anyone not travelling by motor vehicle. In order to cross the Queensway, you have the choice of a circuitous hike along either Belfast Road or Riverside Drive, sucking the fumes from traffic and choosing your moments to zip across exit and entrance ramps. It can be done, but few would choose it. This is a place built for cars.

A tourist arriving by train can emerge from Toronto's Union Station into city's downtown core, and just start walking. Concert and sports venues, shopping and restaurants are minutes away.

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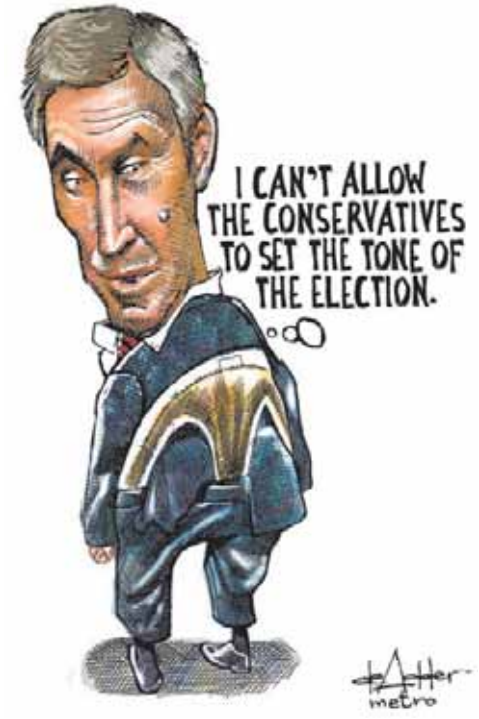
The bridge project's $8.8-million price tag has some commentators gasping theatrically, as if far greater sums aren't regularly thrown at roads. If the city is serious about connecting residents on the Coventry side with easier-access transit and encouraging walking and cycling as real options, they'll ignore the bluster and build the bridge.

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



Stuck in the Middleton

Letters & Tweets

RE: Paul Sullivan's column, Family has become a royal bore, published February 23, 2011.

TORONTO. Just thinking about newspaper study, when I was a student — and the expectations — I wondered about a statement recently in the column by Paul Sullivan — about Prince William and Kate being rather boring — would much rather that this had been edited out — not a nice thing to hear, or for anyone to say.

We have "freedom of speech" — in theory — but not to be rude.

CATHERINE

We asked: Do you really care about the royal wedding?

TORONTO. My answer is NO. I have more No's to add. I am a proud Canadian citizen now. But the issues affecting my pride are:

1. How many flags do we need as Canadian flags? Abolish all province flags and keep only the Canadian flag. Allow only Canadian flag in Canada, not any other countries' flags.

2. Put a final referendum for Quebec and ask them if they want to be a Canadian province or a separate nation. Once they are in treat Quebec as any Canadian province.

3. Remove the British monarchy from over our heads. We need a referendum for that. It's the biggest "gravy train" we have. **JO THOMAS**

Royals' nation

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Metro Minute with Kodo Drummers

They sold out last time in 2007, and the Kodo Drummers return to Ottawa tonight, bringing their One Earth Tour to the NAC's Southam Hall at 8 p.m.

For three decades, Japan's Kodo Drummers have explored the possibilities of traditional Japanese drums, most notably the taiko, and the closely related Japanese music and movement arts.

The 10-piece program features three new works, as well as classic compositions from the Kodo repertoire.

Tickets range from $52.73 to $86.09 for adults and $27.71 to $44.39 for students, $12 for Live Rush members, and are available through Ticketmaster or the NAC box office. **METRO**

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Investors eye price of oil, bank earnings

- No sign of prices dropping, Manulife analyst says
- Crude up 16 per cent over past two weeks

Oil is higher by unrest in Libya and the Middle East and the last of Canada's big banks to report first-quarter earnings will drive the Toronto stock market this week.

"Economic data are positive, earnings are very positive. So company results are fantastic and support higher levels in the markets," said Phillip Petursson, director of institutional equities at Manulife Asset Management.

At the same time, there are real concerns that the turmoil in Libya could spread to other oil-rich countries in the Middle East, but so far the uncertainty hasn't dented investor enthusiasm. Crude finished last week at about $104 US, up 16 per cent over the past two weeks to a point where some analysts are starting to worry about how higher prices could affect the global recovery.

Meanwhile, Bank of Nova Scotia reports its first-quarter earnings tomorrow.

The financial sector was instrumental in the TSX racking up a gain of about 1.4 per cent last week as Bank of Montreal, Royal Bank and TD Bank beat expectations. TD also boosted its dividend, raising hopes for the rest of the sector.

Scotiabank is widely expected to report a dividend increase as well.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. FRIDAY

TSX	Dollar
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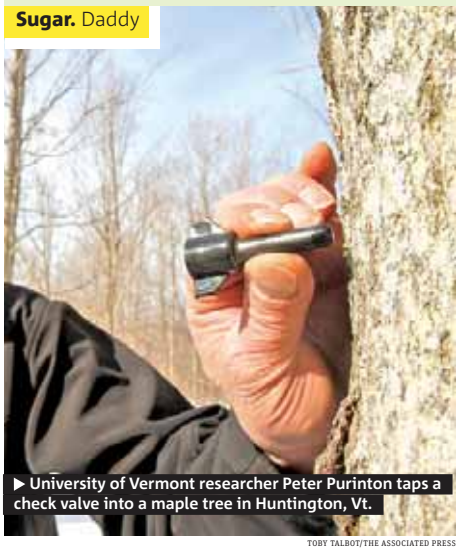
Sugar. Daddy



▶ University of Vermont researcher Peter Purinton taps a check valve into a maple tree in Huntington, Vt.

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Tapping into a sweet deal

An inch-long adapter that sells for about 35 cents is raising hope among New England maple syrup producers that it could extend the six-week sugaring season. When plugged into tap holes, the adapter helps reduce the amount of sap flowing back into trees from the vacuum tubing used to carry it to sugarhouses for boiling into syrup. Timothy Perkins, director of the University of Vermont's Proctor Maple Research Center, who helped develop it, said almost all of the producers who used it last year were game to try it again this season.

China vows sweeping economic reforms

China vows an economic overhaul that would raise the status of consumers and entrepreneurs. As part of a sweeping five-year plan announced yesterday, Beijing wants to nurture self-sustaining growth driven by consumption and develop service and high-tech industries, Premier Wen Jiabao said. But analysts cautioned that to achieve this goal, Beijing will have to cut subsidies and low-cost bank loans to state companies and other vested interests, which could trigger a backlash within the Communist Party. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Brazil. Nothing can stop Carnival.

▶ Members of the Mocidade Alegre samba school march in their parade during Carnival celebrations in Sao Paulo, Brazil, yesterday. Millions of Brazilians are enjoying the sights and sounds of the parade of samba groups during Carnival celebrations in Brazil.

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A little fire is not going to stop samba groups from celebrating Carnival

Despite a fire in early February that ripped through warehouses where three elite samba groups were preparing for Carnival, incinerating more than 8,000 costumes and many of the massive, meticulously decorated floats, the Rio de Janeiro groups were able to join in on Brazil's festivities. The citizens of Rio rallied to help all three groups remake what was lost. This year's Carnival went on as planned for thousands of participants who put on one of the world's most spectacular shows: two nights of lavish parades that took place yesterday in Rio's Sambadrome stadium and are watched by millions in Brazil and abroad. For more, scan the code at right or visit metronews.ca.

Long road inspires Cockburn

When Bruce Cockburn first began crafting his 30th record, he planned to embark on a pretty radical departure.

The 11-time Juno Award winner decided he would temporarily leave his signature literate, intricate folk-rock in the dust and embark on an entirely unfamiliar road.

"I had this notion that I wanted to do something different — after 29 albums of songs, at that point, it was time to do something else," the 65-year-old Cockburn said in a telephone interview from San Francisco.

What, exactly, did he have in mind?

"In the beginning, when I wasn't really myself yet, I played in rock bands. And I missed the noise sometimes. I missed the power of volume," he said. "I've never allowed myself to improvise much ... yet I love improvised music.

"But what happened, of course, was I ended up spending a lot of time with my girlfriend, as people do, in little apartments,

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▶ Bruce Cockburn

where you can't just crank your amps and have your neighbours not lynch you.

So the songs that came out just all went in the direction of an acoustic guitar, pretty much."

Yet while he's steered back to familiar terrain, the tunes that comprise Small Source of Comfort do not represent a compromise for the Ottawa folkie.

As he often does, he found inspiration on the road.

Songs including Boundless, Five Fifty-One and The Iris of the World not only incorporate travel imagery into Cockburn's thoughtful-as-always lyrics, but also bounce, roll and churn forward with an ambling rhythm that really does call to mind the expanse of the open road.

"The album was very affected by long-distance driving," said Cockburn, who found himself regularly shuffling between Kingston, Ont., and Brooklyn, N.Y., where his girlfriend lived before moving to San Francisco.

"That's probably the single biggest theme that shows up in the lyrics.

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News in brief

1 Terrence Howard won the award for outstanding supporting actor in a drama series for Law & Order: Los Angeles at the 42nd NAACP Image Awards on Friday.

2 Halle Berry won the award for outstanding actress in a motion picture for Frankie & Alice.

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Chris Rock: 'How can I be funny this year?'

The answer: star in a play ◆ Comedian set for Broadway debut

How do you top a winter in which you've made fun of Oprah Winfrey to her face, gleefully butchered a classic Simon and Garfunkel song during a telethon and made a guest appearance on Kanye West's mega-selling CD?

If you're Chris Rock, the next stop is Broadway.

"I always look for everything," says the comedian, sitting at a table at the theatre-district hangout Sardi's before rehearsals of his new gritty play by Stephen Adly Guirgis.

"You want to give your audience something funny or something good — that can be anything. It can be a play, it can be a movie," he says. "Hey, I was on Kayne's record! That's funnier than probably anything I've done in a couple of years. You know what I mean? How can I be funny this year?"

CARLOS ALVAREZ/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Chris Rock stars in a new gritty Broadway play by Stephen Adly Guirgis.

The answer now is The Motherf— With the Hat, a play that Rock describes as "The Honeymooners with drugs." It's about a man on parole and trying to live clean with his volatile girlfriend, who is far from sober. Rock, making his Broadway debut, plays the man's drug counsellor.

"Honestly, it was the best thing I read all last year. It was better than every movie script, every book — it was better than everything ... I read a couple of other plays and thought, 'This is easily the best one I've read.'"

Director Anna D. Shapiro says Rock, 46, is working hard to meld with fellow actors Bobby Cannavale, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Annabella Sciorra and Yul Vazquez.

"The day is filled with a lot of laughing and hard work and generosity, and all of that is because of who he is," Shapiro says. "He's refining a skill he already has. He understands the technical demands of that now every day better and better." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"People want to work, man ... If you want to act — if you want to be in something of substance — and you're not 19, it's hard."
CHRIS ROCK ON HIS SHIFT FROM FILM TO THE STAGE

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Twitter tirades cost Courtney Love $430K

Singer accused fashion designer of theft, having a criminal background

Courtney Love's settlement of a case sparked by online attacks on a fashion designer shows that while Twitter posts may be short, they can also be costly.

The singer has agreed to pay Dawn Simorangkir $430,000 US, plus interest, to settle a lawsuit the designer filed in March 2009 over comments Love made on Twitter and her MySpace blog.

While the case didn't go to a jury, First Amendment experts say it highlights the need for celebrities and average people to watch what they say online.

"People are getting in trouble for Twitter postings on an almost daily basis," said First Amendment attorney Doug Mirell, a partner at Loeb and Loeb who did not handle the case.

"The laws controlling what is and isn't libellous are the same regardless of the medium in which the statements appear," he said.

Simorangkir's attorney, Bryan J. Freedman, agreed, and said Love's settlement should drive that point home.

"The fact is that this case shows that the forum upon which you communicate makes no difference in terms of potential legal exposure," Freedman said.

"Disparaging someone on Twitter does not excuse one from liability."

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▶ Courtney Love has settled a case that was to be the first in which a jury decides whether a celebrity's Twitter posts could be considered libel.

▶ Sean Penn

Sean Penn says he wants Charlie Sheen in Haiti

Sean Penn says he thinks Charlie Sheen could do a lot of good in Haiti, both for himself and the nation struggling to recover from a devastating earthquake.

"I think his energies, intelligence and passion could be both of service and servicing to him, as it is to all who are touched by the struggle of the Haitian people," Penn said in a statement Friday.

"Charlie is one of the very few public people who cannot be accused of using the media to his own benefit. I would very much like to show my old friend the world of needs on the ground in Haiti, and introduce him and his tremendous wit to our hard-working Haitian staff."

Penn's message of support came hours after Sheen told Access Hollywood that he and Penn were planning a trip to the Caribbean nation, although no date for their travel has been announced.

"If he chooses to give support, I'll trust it," the Academy Award winner said.

Sheen, who has been on a media blitz since last Monday, says he would like to bring the attention of the world back to Haiti, where Penn has been a fixture since a January 2010 earthquake destroyed more than 500,000 homes.

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Talking points

Arquette's 'dragon's blood'

ACCIDENT. David Arquette's Cadillac crashed head-on with another vehicle in Beverly Hills on Friday, but the actor was not seriously hurt and even joked about the collision on Twitter just a few hours later.

Arquette, 39, was "OK" after the crash, and was on his way to being treated, publicist Cindy Guagenti told The Associated Press in an email.

"I got into a car accident but I'm fine. Luckily I have dragon's blood running through my veins," Arquette quipped on his Twitter account about two hours after the accident. "Haha. Thank you for all your concern."

In another Tweet, he wrote: "Remember to wear your seatbelt — wish I was."

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Usher donates Gadhafi gig fee

CHARITY. Usher said Friday he's "sincerely troubled" to learn he appeared at a concert in St. Bart's linked to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's family and plans to donate his concert fee to human rights organizations.

Earlier this week, Mariah Carey, Beyoncé and Nelly Furtado all renounced their performances at private concerts later revealed to be linked to the family of Gadhafi, whose country is openly revolting against him and who faces an investigation for possible war crimes.

All the singers have promised to give their fees to charity or said they have already done so.

Usher did not perform but was paid to appear at the private concert featuring Beyoncé in 2009.

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Usher

Miley meets 'Miley'

DOPPELGANGER. Miley Cyrus has met her Saturday Night Live impression while lampooning a fellow teen pop star herself.

Cyrus hosted SNL on Saturday night, leading to an inevitable faceoff between the 18-year-old singer and cast member Vanessa Bayer's parody.

But Cyrus appeared on Bayer's The Miley Cyrus Show not as herself, but 17-year-old Justin Bieber. Cyrus played Bieber as too hip to use Bayer's enthusiastic "pretty cool" catchphrase.

In other sketches, Cyrus played Fergie and Lindsay Lohan.

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Energize kids

Here are some healthy snack ideas for your kids.

• Lightly salted air-popped popcorn is a perfect alternative to chips. It's high in fibre and low in fat.

• Instead of candy, serve up a bowl of fruit. It will satisfy your child's sweet tooth.

• Substitute a soft drink for a glass of skim milk. Milk is high in calcium. Stir in a dash of vanilla or almond for any extra yum factor.

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How do you choose the right sport for your child? To find out, scan this code or visit metronews.ca.

Charlie Sheen says the police took his children away, but claims his kids will be proud of their dad's erratic behaviour Does he have a point?

▶ Charlie and daughter Sam Sheen in 2007.

The sins of the father

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Last week, police entered Charlie Sheen's home and removed his twin sons, according to Sheen, after a court granted a restraining order to his estranged wife, Brooke Mueller.

This is not surprising. Among the many bizarre statements Charlie Sheen made to the media recently — calling himself a warlock, claiming he's cured his drug addiction by closing his eyes — one stands out if you're a parent.

It's this:

NBC reporter: *Are you embarrassed that your children will read about this one day?*

Charlie Sheen: *God no. Talk about an education. They'll be like, 'That's the guy and we can get all the answers and the truth? Wow!' Winning!"*

Perhaps his children will be proud of dear old dad, who has been accused of shooting his girlfriend, overdosing on cocaine, leaving his kids with porn stars and destroying a New York hotel room.

Perhaps not.

But Sheen brings up an interesting question: Might there be "answers" found in a parent's addiction or erratic behaviour? Could a child learn how to live better, if only by learning what not to do?

"Parents make mistakes and kids sometimes end up doing the exact opposite, which is sometimes true. Not for me," says Nick Flynn.

His acclaimed memoir Another Bullshit Night in Suck City chronicled his estranged relationship with his alcoholic father, who he re-met while working at a homeless shelter (the movie version, starring Robert De Niro as dad, starts filming this week).

"I did similar things that my parents did. And addiction tends to get passed along unless something interrupts it — the cops maybe

That said, all the attention that Mr. Sheen is getting right now seems to fuel him. And that's a lesson that we're passing on to his children. That this engine is a benefit of this behaviour. So I think we're also part of it. The spectacle is part of it."

That makes the observation of Dr. Richard Warshak, author of Divorce Poison: How to Protect Your Family from Badmouthing and Brainwashing, all the more painful.

"We can hope that children will identify with their parents' good traits, and learn from their parents' errors," he says, but it's the attention that adds to the sting: "Children are embarrassed when their parents' flaws become public."

Sheen, for one, says he plans to rededicate himself to his family.

"Dude, you're 45 with five kids," he told NBC. "Let's do something different. Because this thing is boring." This "thing" might also be instructive — at least to other parents.

Next time you party, behave yourself and be careful what goes online. There are easier ways for your kids to learn lessons than reading about you on TMZ. Good parenting, warlocks: Winning!

Sheen's 5 kids

1 **Cassandra Jade Estevez**, age 26, with girlfriend Paula Profit

2 & 3 **Sam J. Sheen**, 6, and **Lola Rose Sheen**, 5, with then-wife Denise Richards

4 & 5 **Bob and Max Sheen**, twins, 1, with then-wife Brooke Mueller

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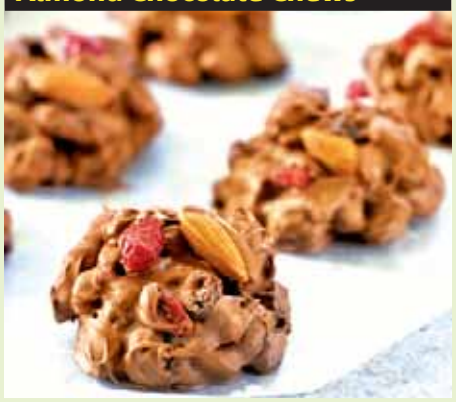
Almond Chocolate Chews



This no-bake recipe for Chocolate Almond Chews, developed for the Almond Board of California by Trish Magwood, author of the James Beard award winning cookbook Dish Entertains, and TV host of Party Dish, is perfect as an after-school snack.

Kids will also love to help make it because of the simple assembly.

Make the snack even more fun by putting it in a little pastry box or Chinese take-out box with a brown wool string and tie on a recycled gift card, and have your child take it to school during a special time such as someone's birthday.

Preparation:

1. In a large double boiler or large bowl over gently simmering water, melt chocolate and butterscotch chips for about 10 minutes.
2. Once melted, turn off heat. Add raisins, cranberries, pretzels and almonds.
3. Gently stir making sure no water gets into the bowl.
4. Drop teaspoonfuls onto wax paper lined cookie sheet.
5. Refrigerate until set for about 30 minutes.

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Ingredients:

- 1 package (2 cups, 500 mL) butterscotch chips
- 1 package (2 cups, 500 mL) chocolate chips
- 1 cup (250 mL) raisins
- 1 cup (250 mL) dried cranberries
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) salted pretzels, broken in half
- 2 cups (500 mL) whole almonds, dry roasted (or substitute with whole almonds, salted)

Pancakes for dinner? Why not

Whether or not you'll be celebrating Shrove Tuesday tomorrow, these fluffy buttermilk pancakes are a filling meal for any time of the day

DINNER EXPRESS

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Each year, many families enjoy Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, which is the first day leading the 40 days of lent before Easter.

Eating pancakes for breakfast, lunch or dinner has always been a favourite thing to do in my house, and what's great about it is you may end up with leftovers to enjoy later in the week for a quick breakfast.

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▶ For larger pancakes use a 1/3 cup (75 mL) or 1/2 cup (125 mL) measure or ladle.

Preparation:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder and soda and salt; set aside.
2. In another bowl, whisk together buttermilk, egg, butter and vanilla. Pour over flour mixture and whisk until combined but still slightly lumpy.
3. Brush a large nonstick skillet or griddle with some of the oil and place over medium high heat. Pour the batter using 1/4 cup (50 mL) measure and spread out slightly to form pancakes. Cook until bubbles begin to appear on top, about 3 minutes. Flip over and cook until golden brown, about 1 minute. Remove to plate and repeat with remaining batter.

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Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) all-purpose flour
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) baking powder
- 1 tsp (5 mL) baking soda
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1 3/4 cups (425 mL) buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) butter, melted
- 2 tsp (10 mL) vanilla
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) vegetable oil

Extending maple season

Last year, when the sap stopped running from some of Bruce Curavoo's maple trees, it kept running in others. He got enough to make about 1,134 more litres of syrup from his crop.

His secret: A tiny adaptor that, when plugged into tap holes, helps to reduce the amount of sap flowing back into trees from the vacuum tubing used to carry it to sugarhouses for boiling into maple syrup.

"They work," says Curavoo, 36, of Starksboro, VA, who used the device on half of his 5,000 trees last year and will use it on all of them this year. "The longer you keep the sap running, the more (syrup) you make."

Last year, he used the check valve adaptors on half of his trees. This year, he's got them on almost all the trees as he awaits the start of the season, which typically begins in mid-March.

The adaptors were developed by maple researchers at the University of Vermont to extend the six-week sugaring season.

By reducing backflow, the gadget limits the amount of naturally-occurring pseudomonas bacteria, microorganisms that can end sap flow if they get back into the tree, causing it to wall off the tap hole as a defence.

Made of hard nylon, it's about two and a half centimetres tall, sells for 35 cents per unit retail and looks like a tiny rocket ship. But developers say it has big possibilities — the potential to sharply boost sap yield.

Typically, when a vacuum system is shut off or a line is punctured, the tapped tree reflexively begins to suck sap back in from tubing, sometimes carrying bacteria. Once the tree detects that, it begins to wall off the tap hole, stopping sap production.

Last year, maple production in the U.S. dropped by nearly 20 per cent, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the result of warm weather that started sap runs early — before some trees were even tapped — and ended them in early April.

Vermont, America's leading producer, made about 3,369,016 litres of maple syrup, down slightly from the year before because of a string of early April days with temperatures in the 20s.

Sugar makers in Maine, New Hampshire and New York tried the device for the first time in 2010, though no one knows exactly how many, or how production was affected.

It takes about 151 litres of sap to make just more than one and a half litres of syrup, and the sap starts running from trees when temperatures rise into about four degrees by day and drop back into the negatives by night.

"The ones that have used them are using them again, they feel there's promise in them," said Peter Purinton, a maple producer who used the devices and distributes them for supplier Leader Evaporator Co.

Timothy Perkins, director of the University of Vermont's Proctor Maple Research Center, who helped develop it, said almost all those surveyed by UVM after last year's season said they would try it again this year.

At 35 cents a tap, what's to lose?

Still, not everyone was impressed. Tim Taft, 38, a sugar maker, used 90 of the adaptors in his 5,000-tree sugarbush last year.

"We saw no difference," said Taft. "They didn't run any longer than the other spouts."

But he's trying again this year, saying that even if he gets longer sap runs once every five years, the adaptors will have been worth the investment.

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Going green gets easier everyday

These simple tips will get you started on taking the big guesswork out of greening-up life on the home front

If your New Year's resolution included a commitment to green living, it can be hard to know where to start. The first step in your eco-makeover can feel like the hardest, but it doesn't have to be. Follow these tips and you'll be on your way to clean, green living.

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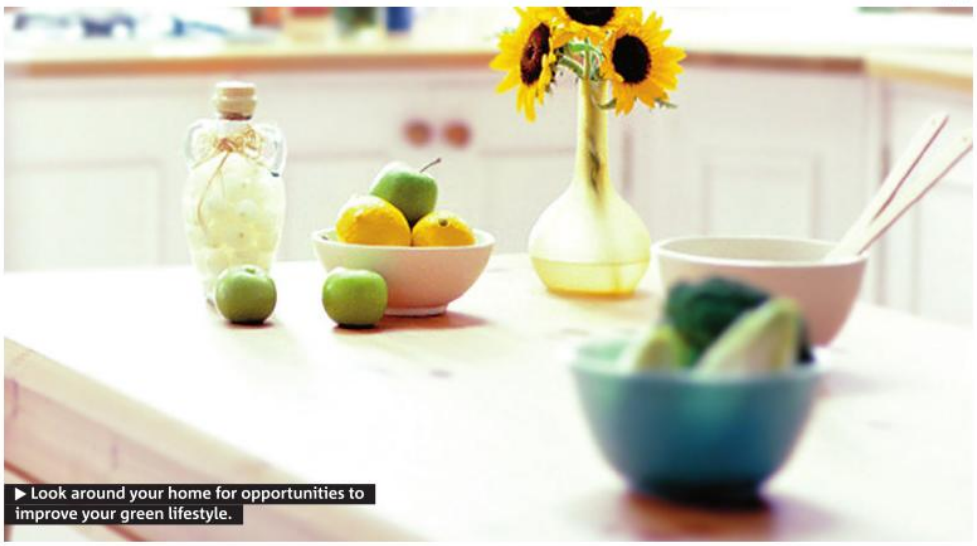

▶ Look around your home for opportunities to improve your green lifestyle.

Lose the bag

Plastic bags are building up in landfills at an alarming rate. To stop the plastic build up in your home, make the switch to reusable cloth bags for your groceries and daily shopping.

They fit easily in your purse, glove compartment or desk drawer and typically hold more products than a traditional plastic shopping bag.

Hang out

Hang-drying your laundry is a great way to cut down on energy costs. Putting up a clothes line is easy and cost effective. Hanging your clothes to dry is a great way to cut back on the use of energy-hogging appliances like dryers, and free up money for some fun activities.

Recycle and Reuse

Recycling is great, but reusing a product before it hits the recycling bin is an even better way to be environmentally friendly. Reusing products can be easier than you think. Clean yogurt containers are great for storing the clothes pins for your laundry line; wrapping paper from gifts doubles as fun liners for your drawers and cupboard shelves; and leftover Christmas cards are great for kids' craft projects. By repurposing products, you're making a commitment to the environment and keeping extra money in your pocket, too.

Connect

Sharing tips and tricks with others is a great way to get new ideas for going green. Finding a community of people dedicated to living green is a great way to stay on track with your goals and have a resource for your questions. Join online communities like the Green Works Facebook page.

Going green doesn't have to be difficult and it can bring a whole new level of freshness to your home. **NEWS CANADA**

Turning over a new leaf can bring about future freedoms

So even if taking better care of the environment wasn't on your list of resolutions for 2011, when you see images of smog-filled cities or hear about devastated natural landscapes, you have to wonder about the type of world that will be left for future generations.

Move toward a greener lifestyle with these tips to help in the areas beyond your front door.

▶ Find freedom in moving toward a green lifestyle.

At the office

- Reuse misprints as scrap paper.
- Save files electronically instead of printing.
- Turn off your computer at the end of the day.

In transit

- Carpool whenever possible to reduce the impact of your commute on the environment.
- Also consider walking, taking public transportation or cycling.
- If you drive, avoid idling for long periods of time.

At the store

- Keep reusable bags in the trunk of your car so you won't have to purchase plastic at the grocery store.
- Buy fair-trade products whenever possible so that you can put more money into the hands of those who produced it instead of the middleman.
- Consider buying environmentally-friendly cleaning products to reduce the amount of toxic chemicals that are released into your home and the atmosphere.

Around the world

- Provide the developing world with resources to care for their environment too. Christian Children's Fund of Canada's gift catalogue (ccfcanada.ca/Gifts) offers several eco-friendly options to assist families in need like gardening tools, a fuel-efficient cooking stove, fruit trees, or a rainwater harvesting tank so a community can have filtered water after the rain.

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JURY STILL OUT ON BAMBOO TOWELS

Are bamboo towels the greenest option when it comes to an eco-makeover of my bathroom?
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Simply put, yes and no. Over the past few years, bamboo has gained popularity and has become a widely available option for products like textiles and flooring. When it comes to clothing and linens, the softness of this fabric is hard to resist, as is its breathability, wrinkle resistance and absorbency (an important towel characteristic).

Bamboo has been touted as a sustainable natural fibre because it's made from pulp.

But bamboo is actually a grass that grows in bamboo forests that are quick to regenerate and require little or no pesticides.

Where bamboo fabric falters on its green path is in the processing. At first, harsh chemical solvents are used by some manufacturers to get the tough bamboo fibre into a form that could be woven into yarn. A similar process is used to make rayon.

New methods involve a closed-loop system that captures and reuses less toxic or nontoxic chemicals to dissolve the pulp.

How can you tell which processing method was used to make your new towel? Research the manufacturer or look for the Oeko-Tex label. It provides third-party certification that products have been manufactured using environmentally friendly processes.

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FRUITS OF HIS LABOUR

Everything Pete Luckett knows about life he learned from the produce business.

"As a little lad I used to do my Mom's shopping with a few shillings in my pocket."

He is an award-winning businessman, entrepreneur and media personality whose personality and charming English accent compliment his outstanding accomplishments.

Growing up in England, Pete Luckett was running his first fruit stall at the age of 21. Anxious to travel the world, he settled in Canada in 1979. After a failed attempt at farming near Moncton he hitchhiked to St. Johns and went back into the food market business.

"I sweet-talked the owner of the market to let me have a booth and with my last 300 bucks I started my first fruit stand."

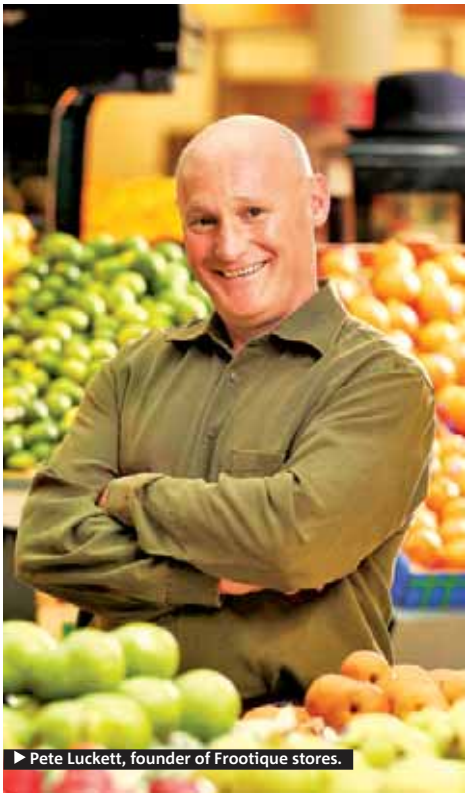
Powered by Pete's determination and savvy business principals, Pete's Frootique stores have won multiple awards and are now one of Eastern Canada's strongest brands.

"You've gotta go through hardship to be able to survive. It may be tough at the time, but it builds character and helps you get through the next challenge you face."

Good eats

Pete says, "Life is like the produce business."

- Kiss the old stuff goodbye and dump it.
- The sooner you get over your last loss, there's a box of new apples to move on to.



▶ Pete Luckett, founder of Frootique stores.

Cell world

BOOK REVIEW

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It seems the world is getting smaller by the minute. Originally we thought it was the Internet that was leading this shrinkage, however, it's more likely mobile phones.

David Clemons and Michael Kroth, PhD, authors of Managing the Mobile Workforce, feel given that in 2008 over 3.9 billion mobile subscriptions existed and "is predicted to reach 5.6 billion by 2013" the world of business needs to chip away at its brick and mortar approach to managing the workforce.

The mobile workforce is best described as "individuals who are not physically located within a centralized physical building and those who move between work locations within a centralized location, and who are able to access company resources through private networks, the Internet and mobile networks."

For most businesses this model has endless potential ranging from financial relief of having to supply real estate to house staff to a committed workforce who are happy to work productively whilst eliminating their commute.

All this is fine of course, if the employer can establish trust.

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Passing on words post-mortem

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Do you ever wonder what happens to your virtual self after you die? In an online world where passwords to vast amounts of critical workplace information are stored only in one person's head, there's a real risk your posthumous avatar will fall as silent as your fleshly existence after the last whistle blows.

Wave-of-the-future websites such as Deathswitch.com might just have the answer. The service allows individuals to load up the website with their passwords, financial information and even personal secrets.

The site will then email the user at regular intervals to check if they're still alive, and when they stop responding after a pre-determined period of time, this flips the Deathswitch and sends that information to the selected recipients. Thus, colleagues can carry on in the absence of their co-worker.

In the event...

Kevin Murphy of Defence Intelligence says passwords, financial information and sensitive client files should be accessible to multiple administrators at a company so in the event of an employee death or sudden departure, they can enter their accounts, reset the passwords and do a security audit.

Keith Murphy, CEO of the Ottawa-based information security firm Defence Intelligence, says many companies have no posthumous plans for protecting employee secrets and so lose them to an online purgatory, but he cautions against storing too much information on one external website.

"The basics of security is you would never want a single point of failure," he says.

Murphy suggests storing the actual information elsewhere — perhaps in a locked drawer — and using a Deathswitch-style email to tell colleagues how to locate it. You could also send password hints to someone who could decode them.

Deathswitch in particular uses high-level security encryption that would thwart any hacker, and even the websites creator David Eagleman doesn't know what's stored on its servers.

He says the Deathswitch emails are good reminders to keep your work and personal affairs in order and take precautions to ensure that when you die, your virtual self can stick around long enough to pass on the critical information.

Education gets animated

Bam! Pow! Homegrown heroes of India's comic industry are entertaining and teaching audiences

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▶ Cartoonist couple Kshiraj Telang, right, with his wife, Swati, stand in front of their wedding poster during the Comic Con fair in New Delhi, India.

The superhero — bulging legs stuffed into tight pants, broad chest adorned with a symbol of power — has vowed to fight the enemies of humanity. He is not Superman. He is not Batman.

He is Shaktimaan, protector of all humanity — at least in India.

In the cartoon skies over India soar a host of comic book superheroes that have little to do with the leotarded titans of the West.

Instead, the green-skinned and venomous Nagraj fights evil with snakes, widely worshipped across India, while three-eyed Shakti, clad in clingy leopard skins and skull ornaments, channels the Hindu death goddess Kali in waging her battle against the local scourge of female infanticide.

It's heroes like these — drawn from India's culture and mythology, and endowed with powers from Hindu gods — that the $65-million US Indian comic industry hopes will launch them into new media like animated TV shows, action films, advertising and digital Internet distribution.

Indian comic producers insist homegrown characters are best at connecting with the national public and diaspora — and even crucial for educating them about their culture. It's a formula they say has allowed them to compete with more sophisticated Western and Japanese comics since the 1960s, when the first Indian comics were launched with the Amar Chitra Katha series based on the ancient Sanskrit epics of Mahabarata and Ramayana.

"We have no need for new superheroes, we have so many of our own. The idea is to use the Indian stories, Indian mythology, in comic format to teach children about their history and culture," said Rushabh Sanghavi, marketing manager at ACK media, which publishes the Amar Chitra Katha as well as the wholesome children's series Tinkle.

Though the industry suffered during the 1990s as Western comics and Hollywood films invaded India's newly opened market and took hold, Indian comics have seen a revival in the last decade thanks to new funding and technologies for printing, animation, digitizing and distribution.

Animation schools and production companies have multiplied, drawing students away from the traditional tracts for medicine or engineering. The Picasso Animation College, which unleashed its first graduates last year, has five applicants for every $11,000 US tuition spot at its schools in Delhi and across India, placement director Shelly Walia said.

Comics are increasingly being used to advertise everything from bubble gum to noodles. The Indian army has serialized the triumphs of its real-life heroes for its recruitment drive, while banks are turning to cartoons for easy-to-read staff instructions.

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Curling. Brier

▶ Ontario skip Glenn Howard calls to his sweepers, second Brent Laing, right, and lead Craig Savil, in Draw 4 against Nova Scotia yesterday. Howard evened his record at 1-1 with a 7-4 victory.

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to be beaten in bid to defend title

Kevin Martin's pursuit of another title at the Tim Hortons Brier is off to a good start.
The Alberta skip improved to 2-0 with an 8-6 victory yesterday over New Brunswick's James Grattan.
Martin has won 28 straight games at the event.
Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton sits atop the standings after winning a third straight game, 8-3, over Nova Scotia's Shawn Adams.

Ottawa native in CFL spotlight

Rice offensive tackle Scott Mitchell impresses at league's evaluation camp in Toronto

He came in as the second-ranked prospect for this year's Canadian college draft and Ottawa's Scott Mitchell didn't disappoint at the CFL evaluation camp.

The six-foot-four, 295-pound offensive tackle from Rice University stood out from the crowd yesterday in 1-on-1 blocking drills on the final day of the camp at Varsity Stadium. He also showed his versatility — an important factor given the small CFL rosters — filling in at guard and centre.

"I think I showed I can kind of move around and play all over the place and can get physical," he said.

Mitchell also wanted to prove he was a worthy of being selected as the second-ranked draft prospect by the CFL's scouting bureau.

"I didn't even know they had a scouting bureau, that I was even ranked that high," he said. "I just wanted to prove I'm worth them investing that much hype and reputation around me."

And Winnipeg GM Joe Mack, who has the first pick in the CFL's Canadian college draft May 8, said Mitchell is indeed a player of interest for the Blue Bombers.

"He has good technique, he's really enthusiastic and is versatile, he did all five spots and I think he did very well for himself," Mack said. "He's someone we think will be a great player in the league for a very long time and anyone we think will be a great player is someone we'd have an interest in."

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Scott Mitchell, left, goes one-on-one with another prospect yesterday.

If there's a knock on Mitchell, it's his strength. He managed just 18 reps in the bench press, significantly less than the record 47 registered by Laurier's Michael Knill on Saturday.

"It's a tough environment to do all these things with people watching you, and when you come in as Scott did as one of the top people, it just adds to the pressure," said Argonauts head coach and GM Jim Barker.

"He was very balanced, seemed to be in control of what was going on."

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Canada defeats Mexico in Davis Cup, will meet Ecuador

For Milos Raonic, success at the Davis Cup isn't just about winning tennis matches. It's also about helping grow the sport in Canada.

The hard-serving Raonic won his second-straight singles match yesterday, defeating Daniel Garza to lead Canada over Mexico in its Davis Cup tie.

The 20-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., ranked No. 37 in the world, won 7-5, 6-3, 6-2, on the clay surface to seal Canada's victory in the best-of-five Americas Zone Group 1 first-round tie.

After Raonic clinched the victory, Peter Polansky, also of Thornhill, won the dead rubber, beating Manuel Sanchez 6-4, 6-1 to give Canada a 4-1 win over Mexico.

The victory vaulted Canada into a second-round pairing with Ecuador in July.

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Bulls hand Heat fourth loss in a row

Derrick Rose scored 27 points, Luol Deng capped an 18-point effort with two free throws that put Chicago ahead for good, and the Bulls beat Miami 87-86 yesterday to hand the Heat their fourth straight loss.

Carlos Boozer scored 12 and Joakim Noah added 11 for the Bulls, who moved a game ahead of Miami into outright possession of second place in the Eastern Conference and beat the Heat for the third time this season.

The Heat led by as many as 12 points yesterday.

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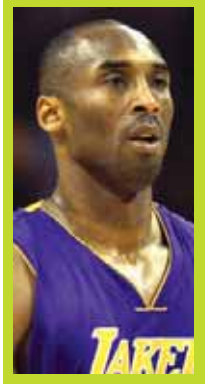

"We know we're capable of having games like this and San Antonio knows we're capable of having games like this. It just as easily could go the other way around."

LAKERS STAR KOBE BRYANT ON BEATING THE SPURS 99-83 YESTERDAY. THE LOS ANGELES WIN ENDED SAN ANTONIO'S FRANCHISE-RECORD HOME WINNING STREAK AT 22 GAMES.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	65	40	19	3	3	208	174	86	20-10-1-2	20-9-2-1	4-5-1-0	L4
d-Boston	65	38	19	3	5	199	152	84	16-12-2-2	22-7-1-3	7-2-1-0	L1
d-Washington	66	36	20	5	5	176	166	82	19-8-2-5	17-12-3-0	7-3-0-0	W4
Pittsburgh	67	38	21	5	3	193	166	84	20-11-2-0	18-10-3-3	3-3-3-1	W1
Tampa Bay	65	37	21	3	4	195	198	81	21-8-1-3	16-13-2-1	4-4-0-2	L3
Montreal	66	36	23	4	3	176	167	79	20-8-3-3	16-15-1-0	6-3-0-1	W4
NY Rangers	68	35	29	2	2	193	164	74	15-17-1-2	20-12-1-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Buffalo	65	32	25	7	1	189	187	72	14-15-2-1	18-10-5-0	5-3-1-1	W2
Carolina	66	31	26	4	5	191	201	71	18-10-1-2	13-16-3-3	5-4-0-1	L1
Toronto	66	29	28	4	5	173	202	67	15-12-3-4	14-16-1-1	6-1-1-2	L1
Atlanta	66	27	28	4	7	184	214	65	14-14-1-5	13-14-3-2	3-6-0-1	W1
New Jersey	65	30	31	3	1	139	168	64	15-13-2-1	15-18-0-1	9-1-0-0	W4
Florida	66	26	31	5	4	165	184	61	12-13-5-3	14-18-0-1	2-6-2-0	L5
NY Islanders	67	25	32	5	5	184	212	60	14-15-1-4	11-17-4-1	4-3-2-1	L1
Ottawa	65	22	34	5	4	147	206	53	11-18-2-3	11-16-3-1	5-4-0-1	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	66	41	16	4	5	213	155	91	23-7-1-4	18-9-3-1	5-5-0-0	W1
d-Detroit	66	39	19	5	3	219	193	86	17-10-3-2	22-9-2-1	5-3-1-1	L3
d-San Jose	66	38	22	4	2	185	167	82	17-11-2-1	21-11-2-1	8-2-0-0	L1
Chicago	66	37	23	2	4	218	183	80	21-14-0-0	16-9-3-3	9-1-0-0	W8
Phoenix	67	34	23	6	4	191	194	78	16-11-3-2	18-12-3-2	5-4-0-1	W1
Dallas	65	35	23	3	4	180	183	77	18-9-2-3	17-14-1-1	4-5-1-0	W1
Calgary	67	34	24	3	6	204	191	77	20-10-1-3	14-14-2-3	6-3-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	65	36	25	2	2	180	159	76	20-11-1-0	16-14-1-2	6-3-0-1	L1
Anaheim	65	35	25	3	2	182	190	75	20-10-1-1	15-15-2-1	5-4-1-0	W3
Nashville	65	33	23	5	4	165	153	75	15-7-4-3	18-16-1-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Minnesota	66	34	25	2	5	171	174	75	16-13-1-3	18-12-1-2	4-4-1-1	L1
Columbus	64	31	26	3	4	176	191	69	16-13-0-2	15-13-3-2	5-3-0-2	L4
St. Louis	65	28	27	5	5	177	194	65	18-11-1-3	10-17-3-2	3-7-0-0	L4
Colorado	65	26	31	7	1	185	224	60	14-16-4-0	12-15-3-1	1-7-1-1	L5
Edmonton	66	23	35	1	7	169	215	54	12-19-1-3	11-16-1-3	7-3-0-0	W3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Yesterday's results
Buffalo 3 Minnesota 2 (OT)
New Jersey 3 N.Y. Islanders 2 (SO)
N.Y. Rangers 7 Philadelphia 0
Washington 3 Florida 2 (OT)
Nashville at Calgary
Vancouver at Anaheim

Saturday's results
Chicago 5 Toronto 3
Edmonton 5 Colorado 1
Montreal 4 Tampa Bay 2
Vancouver 3 Los Angeles 1
Atlanta 4 Florida 3 (OT)
Buffalo 5 Philadelphia 3
Dallas 3 San Jose 2
N.Y. Islanders 5 St. Louis 2
Phoenix 5 Detroit 4 (SO)
Pittsburgh 3 Boston 2 (OT)

Tonight's games
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	33	47	80
Stamkos, TB	41	37	78
St. Louis, TB	24	51	75
H.Sedin, Vcr	15	60	75
Zetterberg, Det	18	51	69
Perry, Ana	31	37	68
Ovechkin, Wash	25	42	67
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Iginla, Cal	29	36	65
Toews, Chi	27	38	65
B.Richards, Dal	24	39	63
Kopitar, LA	20	43	63
E.Staal, Car	29	33	62
Sharp, Chi	33	28	61
Eriksson, Dal	23	38	61
Selanne, Ana	21	39	60
Giroux, Pha	21	38	59
Kesler, Vcr	33	25	58
P.Kane, Chi	21	36	57
Nash, Clb	29	27	56
Havlat, Minn	20	36	56
J.Carter, Pha	28	27	55
Tavares, NYI	24	31	55
M.Richards, Pha	19	36	55
Ryan, Ana	30	24	54
Vanek, Buf	23	31	54
Tanguay, Cal	18	36	54
Backstrom, Wash	16	38	54
J.Thornton, SJ	16	38	54
Lidstrom, Det	13	41	54
Yandle, Phx	10	44	54
Heatley, SJ	22	31	53
Ribeiro, Dal	12	41	53
Datsyuk, Det	20	32	52
Getzlaf, Ana	16	36	52
Briere, Pha	28	23	51
Plekanec, Mtl	20	31	51
Visnovsky, Ana	12	39	51
Marleau, SJ	26	24	50
Ladd, Atl	25	25	50
P.Bergeron, Bos	21	29	50
J.Williams, LA	20	30	50
MacArthur, Tor	19	31	50
P.Stastny, Col	19	31	50
Ra.Whitney, Phx	13	37	50
Krecji, Bos	10	40	50
Lucic, Bos	28	21	49
Kessel, Tor	27	22	49
Grabovski, Tor	25	24	49
Skinner, Car	23	26	49
Duchene, Col	21	28	49
Byfuglien, Atl	19	30	49
M.Koivu, Minn	15	34	49
Umberger, Clb	20	28	48
Clowe, SJ	18	30	48
Enstrom, Atl	8	40	48
Franzen, Det	27	20	47
Kulemin, Tor	24	23	47
Hejduk, Col	19	28	47
Steen, StL	18	29	47
Elias, NJ	14	33	47
Backes, StL	23	23	46
Kovalchuk, NJ	23	23	46
Doan, Phx	14	32	46
O.Jokinen, Cal	14	32	46
Pavelski, SJ	13	33	46
Letang, Pgh	8	38	46
J.Jokinen, Car	16	29	45
T.Ruutu, Car	15	30	45
Boyes, StL-Buf	14	31	45
Couture, SJ	25	19	44
Morrow, Dal	25	19	44
D.Brown, LA	21	23	44
Moulson, NYI	28	15	43
Dubinsky, NYR	19	24	43
Horton, Bos	18	25	43
Hossa, Chi	18	25	43
Samuelsson, Vcr	18	25	43
Weiss, Fla	18	25	43
Morrison, Cal	9	34	43

Not including yesterday's games

SOCCER

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's results
Liverpool 3 Manchester United 1
Wolverhampton Wanderers 3 Tottenham 3

GERMANY

BUNDESLIGA
Yesterday's results
Freiburg 1 Werder Bremen 3
Hamburger SV 2 Mainz 4

ITALY

SERIE A
Yesterday's results
Bologna 2 Cagliari 2
Chievo Verona 0 Parma 0
Fiorentina 3 Catania 0
Inter Milan 5 Genoa 2
Lazio 2 Palermo 0
Napoli 0 Brescia 0
Sampdoria 2 Cesena 3
Udinese 1 Bari 0

SCOTLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE
Yesterday's result
St. Mirren 0 Rangers 1

SPAIN

LA LIGA
Yesterday's results
Athletic Bilbao 2 Sevilla 0
Hercules 1 Almeria 2
Levante 1 Espanyol 0
Malaga 0 Osasuna 1
Racing Santander 1 Real Madrid 3
Sporting Gijon 2 Getafe 0

TENNIS

WTA MALAYSIAN OPEN
At Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
SUNDAY
Singles — Championship
Jelena Dokic, Australia, def. Lucie Safarova (5), Czech Republic, 2-6, 7-6 (9), 6-4.
SATURDAY
Singles — Semifinals
Lucie Safarova (5), Czech Republic, def. Jarmila Groth (4), Australia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Jelena Dokic, Australia, def. Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-3.

WTA MONTERREY OPEN
At Monterrey, Mexico
SUNDAY
Singles — Championship
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (2), Russia, def. Jelena Jankovic (1), Serbia, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.
SATURDAY
Singles — Semifinals
Jelena Jankovic (1), Serbia, def. Polona Hercog (8), Slovenia, 6-3, 6-2.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (2), Russia, def. Gisela Dulko, Argentina, 6-4, 6-1.

DAVIS CUP
CANADA VS. MEXICO
At Metepec, Mexico
Canada 4, Mexico 1
SUNDAY
Reverse Singles
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., def. Daniel Garza, Mexico, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.
Frank Dancevic, Niagara Falls, Ont., def. Manuel Sanchez, Mexico, 6-4, 6-1.
SATURDAY
Doubles
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., and Vasek Pospisil, Vernon, B.C., def. Luis Diaz-Barriga and Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela, Mexico, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
FRIDAY
Singles
Daniel Garza, Mexico, def. **Frank Dancevic, Niagara Falls, Ont.**, 2-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., def. Manuel Sanchez, Mexico, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	45	15	.750	—
New York	32	29	.525	13½
Philadelphia	32	30	.516	14
New Jersey	19	43	.306	27
Toronto	17	46	.270	29½
SOUTHEAST DIVISION				
Miami	43	20	.683	—
Orlando	40	23	.635	3
Atlanta	37	26	.587	6
Charlotte	26	36	.419	16½
Washington	16	46	.258	26½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
Chicago	43	18	.705	—
Indiana	27	35	.435	16½
Milwaukee	23	37	.383	19½
Detroit	23	41	.359	21½
Cleveland	12	50	.194	31½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	51	12	.810	—
Dallas	45	17	.726	5½
New Orleans	37	28	.569	15
Memphis	35	29	.547	16½
Houston	32	32	.500	19½
NORTHWEST DIVISION				
Oklahoma City	39	22	.639	—
Denver	37	27	.578	3½
Portland	35	27	.565	4½
Utah	33	30	.524	7
Minnesota	15	49	.234	25½
PACIFIC DIVISION				
L.A. Lakers	45	19	.703	—
Phoenix	32	29	.525	11½
Golden State	27	35	.435	17
L.A. Clippers	23	40	.365	21½
Sacramento	15	45	.250	28

Yesterday's results
Chicago 87 Miami 86
Detroit 113 Washington 102
L.A. Lakers 99 San Antonio 83
Memphis 104 Dallas 103
New Orleans 96 Cleveland 81
New York 92 Atlanta 79
Oklahoma City 122 Phoenix 118 (OT)
Philadelphia 125 Golden State 117 (OT)
Boston at Milwaukee

Saturday's results
Houston 112 Indiana 95
L.A. Clippers 100 Denver 94
Portland 93 Charlotte 69
Utah 109 Sacramento 102 (OT)
Washington 103 Minnesota 96
At London
New Jersey 137 Toronto 136 (3OT)

Tonight's games
L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Utah at New York, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

CRICKET

WORLD CUP
GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
Pakistan	3	3	0	0	0	6
Australia	3	2	1	0	1	5
Sri Lanka	4	2	1	1	1	5
New Zealand	3	2	0	1	0	4
Zimbabwe	3	1	0	2	0	2
Canada	**3**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Kenya	3	0	0	3	0	0

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
India	3	2	1	0	0	5
England	4	2	1	1	0	5
South Africa	3	2	0	1	0	4
West Indies	3	2	0	1	0	4
Bangladesh	3	1	0	2	0	2
Ireland	3	1	0	2	0	2
Netherlands	3	0	0	3	0	0

Yesterday's results
At Bangalore, India
India (210 for five) def. Ireland (207, all out) by five wickets.
At Chennai, India
England (171) def. South Africa (165) by six runs.
Saturday's result
At Colombo, Sri Lanka
Australia vs. Sri Lanka (ppd., rain; both teams earn a draw and one point)
Today's Match
At New Delhi
Canada vs. Kenya

GOLF

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Par 70
Final Round

Rory Sabbatini, $1,026,000	71-64-66-70—271
Y.E. Yang, $615,600	68-71-67-66—272
Jerry Kelly, $387,600	71-67-68-67—273
Ricky Barnes, $273,600	70-68-71-67—276
Tommy Gainey, $228,000	71-67-71-68—277
Graeme McDowell, $184,538	73-71-70-64—278
Jeff Overton, $184,538	69-72-69-68—278
Matt Bettencourt, $184,538	70-70-69-69—278
Gary Woodland, $184,538	71-68-68-71—278
Luke Donald, $136,800	73-68-72-66—279
Hiroyuki Fujita, $136,800	72-71-69-67—279
Stuart Appleby, $136,800	68-70-72-69—279
Charles Howell III, $136,800	71-71-67-70—279
Spencer Levin, $102,600	67-72-73-68—280
Hunter Haas, $102,600	70-71-71-68—280
Charl Schwartzel, $102,600	68-69-74-69—280
Justin Hicks, $82,650	73-68-73-67—281
Marc Leishman, $82,650	72-72-69-68—281
Justin Leonard, $82,650	70-71-70-70—281
Matt Kuchar, $82,650	69-70-72-70—281
Robert Allenby, $63,840	71-73-71-67—282
Richard Johnson, $63,840	72-71-72-67—282
Roland Thatcher, $63,840	70-73-68-71—282
Sean O'Hair, $47,310	70-70-73-70—283
Nathan Green, $47,310	73-67-73-70—283
Webb Simpson, $47,310	74-67-71-71—283
Kent Jones, $47,310	72-71-69-71—283
Kyle Stanley, $47,310	68-66-74-75—283
Lee Westwood, $35,462	70-69-75-70—284
Ben Curtis, $35,462	72-74-70-68—284
Chad Campbell, $35,462	74-70-70-70—284
Chris Kirk, $35,462	73-70-71-70—284
Fredrik Jacobson, $35,462	74-68-71-71—284
Colt Knost, $35,462	74-69-70-71—284
Davis Love III, $35,462	73-70-69-72—284
John Senden, $26,847	70-71-74-70—285
Chris Couch, $26,847	70-70-75-70—285
Alex Cejka, $26,847	71-74-71-69—285
Carl Pettersson, $26,847	70-71-75-69—285
Ian Poulter, $26,847	74-71-73-67—285
J.J. Henry, $22,800	71-70-74-71—286
William McGirt, $22,800	75-70-72-69—286
Cameron Tringale, $17,357	71-70-74-72—287
Kenny Perry, $17,357	71-72-73-71—287
Greg Chalmers, $17,357	68-72-76-71—287
Josh Broadaway, $17,357	78-68-68-73—287
Jimmy Walker, $17,357	74-67-72-74—287
Blake Adams, $17,357	73-73-72-69—287
Henrik Stenson, $17,357	74-70-76-67—287
D.A. Points, $17,357	74-72-76-65—287
Jason Dufner, $13,595	75-67-72-74—288
Edoardo Molinari, $13,595	73-73-72-70—288
Stephen Ames, $13,595	**73-72-74-69—288**
Scott Gutschewski (19), $13,595	73-70-69-76—288
Brian Gay, $12,996	74-70-72-73—289
Paul Goydos, $12,996	73-72-72-72—289
Nick Price, $12,996	70-74-73-72—289
Shaun Micheel, $12,540	74-71-72-73—290
Vaughn Taylor, $12,540	71-75-72-72—290
Alex Prugh, $12,540	74-71-74-71—290
Andres Romero, $12,540	72-74-75-69—290
Marc Turnesa, $12,540	75-71-76-68—290
Kevin Streelman, $12,027	73-71-74-73—291
Chris Stroud, $12,027	73-69-77-72—291
Brendan Steele, $12,027	74-71-76-70—291
David Duval, $12,027	74-71-77-69—291
Chad Collins, $11,685	74-72-72-74—292
Jeff Maggert, $11,685	75-70-76-71—292
David Mathis, $11,514	71-72-75-77—295
Rory McIlroy, $11,286	73-71-77-75—296
Jhonattan Vegas, $11,286	76-70-77-73—296
Ernie Els, $11,286	75-71-78-72—296
Trevor Immelman, $11,001	74-71-77-76—298
Steve Flesch, $11,001	73-73-78-74—298
Josh Teater, $10,830	75-70-79-75—299
J.P. Hayes, $10,716	76-69-77-79—301
Louis Oosthuizen	75-70-75—WD

NATIONWIDE PACIFIC RUBIALES BOGOTA OPEN
At Bogota, Colombia
Par 71
(final two rounds cancelled due to rain)

Brenden Pappas, $108,000	67-66—133
Matt Every, $64,800	67-67—134
Julian Etulain, $27,060	67-68—135
Clayton Rask, $27,060	66-69—135
Won Joon Lee, $27,060	69-66—135
Scott Brown, $27,060	69-66—135
David Vanegas, $27,060	66-69—135
Bubba Dickerson, $17,400	70-66—136
Tyrone Van Aswegen, $17,400	67-69—136
Darron Stiles, $17,400	66-70—136

CURLING

TIM HORTONS BRIER
At London, Ont.
Yesterday's results
Third Draw
Alberta 8 New Brunswick 6
Manitoba 8 Nova Scotia 3
Northern Ontario 11 Northwest/Yukon Territories 8
Quebec 10 Prince Edward Island 3
Fourth Draw
Alberta 8 British Columbia 2
Newfoundland & Labrador 7 Northern Ontario 6 (extra end)
Ontario 7 Nova Scotia 4
Saskatchewan 8 Quebec 7 (extra end)
Fifth Draw
British Columbia vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Prince Edward Island vs. Manitoba; New Brunswick vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories; Ontario vs. Saskatchewan.
Saturday's results
First Draw
Manitoba 10 British Columbia 4
New Brunswick 5 Ontario 4
Newfoundland & Labrador 12 Prince Edward Island 1
Saskatchewan 6 Northwest/Yukon Territories 4
Second Draw
Alberta 6 Northern Ontario 2
Manitoba 9 New Brunswick 4
Northwest/Yukon Territories 8 Prince Edward Island 6
Quebec 10 Nova Scotia 4

WORLD JUNIOR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP
At Perth, Scotland
MEN
Yesterday's results
Draw Three
Switzerland 9 **Canada 7**
China 5 Scotland 4
Finland 8 Denmark 6 (extra end)
Norway 7 Czech Republic 3
Sweden 10 U.S. 1
Saturday's results
Draw One
Norway 9 **Canada 7** (extra end)
China 9 Denmark 2
Scotland 8 Finland 4
Switzerland 7 Sweden 6 (extra end)
Draw Two
Sweden 6 **Canada 5**
Denmark 8 Czech Republic 3
Finland 9 China 6
Norway 9 U.S. 3
Scotland 7 Switzerland 6
WOMEN
Yesterday's results
Second Draw
Canada 10 Norway 4
Russia 9 Czech Republic 6
Scotland 12 France 0
Sweden 7 Japan 6
U.S. 10 Switzerland 8
Third Draw
Japan 7 **Canada 6**
Norway 11 France 2
Russia 5 U.S. 2
Scotland 10 Switzerland 4
Sweden 8 Czech Republic 7
Saturday's results
First Draw
Sweden 9 **Canada 2**
Japan 7 Czech Republic 5
Russia 7 Switzerland 3
Scotland 10 Norway 2
U.S. 12 France 2

MLB

SPRING TRAINING
Yesterday's results
Toronto 5 Pittsburgh 0
Atlanta 5 Washington 0
Chicago Cubs (ss) 5 L.A. Dodgers 3 (10 ings)
Cincinnati 10 Chicago Cubs (ss) 0
Colorado 3 Cleveland 1
Detroit 2 Philadelphia (ss) 1
Florida 7 St. Louis 2 (8 ings)
Kansas City 8 Chicago White Sox 3
L.A. Angels 7 Arizona 2
Minnesota 3 Baltimore 0
N.Y. Mets 6 Boston 5
N.Y. Yankees 10 Houston 8
Oakland (ss) 5 Milwaukee (ss) 4
Philadelphia (ss) 5 Tampa Bay 4
San Diego 7 Oakland (ss) 6
San Francisco 6 Seattle 1
Texas 8 Milwaukee (ss) 1

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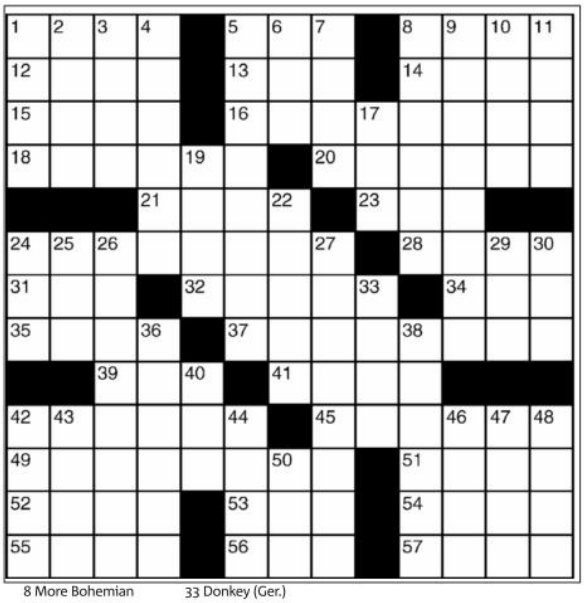

Across

1 "Dragnet" star Jack
5 Newcomer to society
8 Winged
12 Verbal
13 Raw mineral
14 Hindu princess
15 Aware of
16 Seizing (from)
18 Jason of football
20 Rural steps
21 — Hari
23 Verily
24 High standing
28 Not medium or well-done
31 Actor Harrison
32 "Get — on!"
34 "Ben-Hur" author Wallace
35 Grand story
37 Tending to excrete
39 "Quiet!"
41 Humdinger
42 Get
45 Holly plants
49 Inquiry
51 Alpha follower
52 Grecian vessels
53 Joke
54 Grandson of Adam
55 Initial stake
56 Timecard abbr.
57 Nebr. neighbor

Down

1 Courts
2 Sea eagle
3 Shower alternative
4 Becomes a flower
5 Period of inactivity
6 Goof up
7 Honey bunch?
8 More Bohemian
9 Muhammad's foot-step-following daughter
10 Bancroft or Boleyn
11 Fixes illegally
17 Pigpen
19 — -tat-tat
22 Galore, in disco-era jargon
24 Before (Pref.)
25 Agent, for short
26 Current
27 Twilight times
29 Gun the engine
30 Female sheep
33 Donkey (Ger.)
36 Gliding dance step
38 "Jeopardy!" emcee Alex
40 Smack
42 Blue shade
43 Rotate
44 At hand
46 TV's "Warrior Princess"
47 Harrow rival
48 Back talk
50 Rowing tool

▶ Yesterday's answer

A	L	A	■	G	U	S	H	■	L	E	E	K
R	O	C	■	A	S	I	A	■	A	N	T	I
K	O	H	L	R	A	B	I	■	B	E	A	N
S	P	Y	I	N	G	■	R	H	O	■	■	■
■	■	■	F	E	E	■	C	A	R	R	O	T
B	E	G	E	T	■	M	U	G	■	A	P	E
L	I	A	R	■	P	A	T	■	A	J	A	R
O	R	E	■	F	A	X	■	P	S	A	L	M
C	E	L	E	R	Y	■	L	A	P	■	■	■
■	■	■	V	I	A	■	D	R	I	V	E	L
K	A	L	E	■	B	R	O	C	C	O	L	I
G	L	E	N	■	L	O	P	E	■	T	A	N
B	E	E	T	■	E	T	A	L	■	E	N	D

Sudoku

		6	9			4	1	
2						3		6
	3			6				2
	8				7	6		
			1		4			
		2	5				3	
3				7			4	
5		9						3
	6	1			8	7		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	7	9	5	6	1	3	4	8
1	4	8	9	7	3	5	2	6
6	3	5	2	4	8	9	1	7
7	5	3	4	2	6	1	8	9
8	2	6	1	9	7	4	3	5
9	1	4	8	3	5	7	6	2
4	8	1	7	5	2	6	9	3
3	9	7	6	8	4	2	5	1
5	6	2	3	1	9	8	7	4

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You won't have much time for someone who is too lazy to get off their backside and make things happen – and you'll let them know.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It may be tempting to start something new today but you know you should be biding your time and conserving your energy.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Play by the rules today, because if you cut corners in any way you will be found out and the results won't be too pleasant. People in positions of authority are watching you closely, so watch what you say and do.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you promised to do something for a friend but now find you don't want to, that's too bad. This is not something you can wriggle out of, not unless you are ready to see your reputation head south in a hurry!

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Far too many people seem to have a say in your life at the moment and you've got to make an effort to change that.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 The more someone insists that you follow their example the more you must insist that you will go your own way, thank you very much. This is a battle of wills you cannot afford to lose, so be ruthless.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If there is something that has been gnawing away at your conscience now is the time to admit your guilt.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Someone you work with has made a mistake and is looking around for someone on whom they can pin the blame. Don't let it be you. Let them know that you will not be the fall guy, now or in the future.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It's not like you to be cautious but for some reason you're reluctant to make changes. According to the planets you are right to hold back because later in the week you'll be snowed under in unexpected events

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 When Uranus changes signs towards the end of the week a new world of possibilities will open up for you. Are you ready to take advantage of them?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Something you said or did a few weeks ago will come back to upset your plans today, but there's nothing much you can do about it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Try not to be too sensitive if someone makes a critical remark about you today. If they see you are hurt it will encourage them to be even more negative about you. Pretend you don't care. ● **SALLY BROMPTON**

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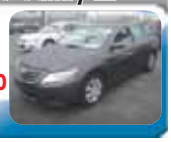

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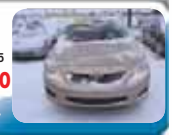

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- st: 29115
- km: 57034

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- A/C, Auto
- st: 31504
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